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◆ June 24, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John the Baptist

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH 2018 ◆
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for lemonade and
fellowship on the patio after worship ◆

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE – Come, thou font of every blessing P. Keveren, arr.

* OPENING HYMN – *How Firm a Foundation* VU 660

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: The light of Christ burns brightly in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

All: What have we to fear?

One: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

Centre us, O God,

to worship you this day.

Remove our needless armour.

Be our stronghold.

Grant us calm.

**Give us joyful hearts and ready minds,
that we may be open to your grace.
Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

* HYMN -- *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* VU 575

Reader: Seth Preston

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Compassionate One,
open our hearts, our lives, and our senses
to revelations both old and new,
for we are seeking newness in the message
that is as old as you.
Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 9 VU 732-3

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: 1 Samuel: 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4: 31-41

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN -- *Be Thou My Vision* VU 642

SERMON: "Slings and Arrows"

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

* OFFERING HYMN – *Grant Us, God, the Grace* VU 540
*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a Spirit large and free,*

*that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Gracious God,
we thank you for the many ways
that gifts are offered in your service.
Accept our gifts, we pray,
and bless now this morning's offerings,
that we might do your will
in this place and in the world.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 921)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

✳ CLOSING HYMN - *God of Grace and God of Glory* VU 686

✳ COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

✳ CHORAL RESPONSE - *Hallelujah, amen!* VU 974
Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (2x)

POSTLUDE - *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* J. Schrader, arr.

◆ **Next week...** ◆

Next week (July 1 – Happy Birthday, Canada!) initiates a series of lay-led worship services (in the air-conditioned Melrose chapel) during the month of July beginning with a hymn festival capably organized and led by our music director Alexander Cann. Other Sundays will feature Ted Lowrey & Shari Saunders, Patti Varey, Meg Chalmers, and Margaret Duff. You won't want to miss a single one! Philip Gardner will return in August with a reprise of the popular summer sermon series: "Bible Stories That Seldom Get Preached (Usually for Good Reasons)."

◆ **Corner Shoppe Update** ◆

Thank-you to everyone who has been supporting The Corner Shoppe!

To date in 2018 The Corner Shoppe has raised \$1461 for the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund.

When added to the \$699 left from our 2017 repairs, we currently have a total of \$2160 in reserve for the next stage of repairs.

◆ **Thank you!** ◆

Flo and Doreen want to thank everyone for their warm wishes and celebration for their birthdays!

◆ **Summer Scripture Readers** ◆

We now have a full roster of summer readers. Thank you from Carolyn Duff. I will send reminders to you from Nova Scotia. Please, readers, make sure that Michelle, in the Church Office, has your up-to-date email address.

◆ **Upcoming Summer vacation plans** ◆

Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner will be off from Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, July 29 inclusive. Rev. Alison Nicholson will be covering emergency pastoral care during his time away. For Rev. Nicholson's contact info please contact the church office.

Michelle will be away from July 16-20 inclusive. Custodial staff will be checking messages during this time.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

◆ **Washroom Renovations Fundraising** ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast. If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

We have already raised \$1889.50! Let's keep going!!

◆ **Observer Renewals and New Subscriptions** ◆

If you would like to renew or subscribe to the United Church Observer please let the church office know. The cost is \$25 per year. All subscriptions are due by August 1.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – June 25

EarlyON Drop In
STEM CAMP Staff
Training

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Parlour
Auditorium

Tuesday - June 26

EarlyON Drop In
Private Event
Locke Street BIA

9:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parlour
Gym
Chapel

Wednesday - June 27

Pilates

6:30 p.m.

Norman Slater Room

Thursday - June 28

EarlyON Drop In

9:00 a.m.

Parlour

Friday – June 29

Bookmobile: HPL

10:00 a.m.

Parking Lot

Saturday - June 30

Prayer Shawl
Ministry

9:30 a.m.

Parlour

Sunday – July 1

Melrose Worship

10:30a.m.

Chapel